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## REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to confirm that the originally-filed drawings, as supplemented by the Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Amendments filed December 14, 2001, are acceptable and nothing further is required with regard to the drawings. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated in the Notice of Allowability that the drawings filed "on 10 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner." The drawings filed May 10, 2001, were the originally-filed drawings. New Figures 9 and 10 however were submitted December 14, 2001, and accepted on page 1 of the Office Action dated November 20, 2002 (Paper No. 13). Page 1 of Paper No. 13 however also indicates that "If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office Action." The Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Amendments however filed December 14, 2001, included not only a marked-up copy of the requested changes but also new figure

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sheets 7 of 10 (Figure 9) and 8 of 10 (Figure 10), which were amended. As corrected sheets of the approved drawings have already been filed and approved along with the accepted drawings of May 10, 2001, nothing further is believed to be required with regard to the drawings. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned however if otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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